

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BABEJ, Jiri

SERIAL NO.: 10/599,640

Examiner: Jennings, S.

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FOR: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HOLLOW ELEMENTS, HOLLOW ELEMENT, ASSEMBLY PIECE, AND FOLLOW-ON COMPOSITE TOOL FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the USPTO Official Action mailed on February 10, 2009, applicants present the following remarks.

The Examiner has required a restriction between the following inventions in the Application under 35 U.S.C. §121 and § 372:

Group I: claims 44-68, 86, drawn to a method for manufacture of hollow body element and progressive tool for hollow body manufacture;

Group II: claims 69-81, 83-85, drawn to a hollow body element; or

Group III: claim 82, drawn to a hollow body element with a substantially polygonal outline.

In order to make this response responsive to the action, applicants elect Group I which corresponds with claims 44-68 and 86, without traverse.

Applicants have elected as required in the Office Action but applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

It is believed that all of the pending elected claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 309-1214. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at gcr@hunton.com.

Dated: March 10, 2009

By: Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eugene C. Rzucidlo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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